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The following Proceedings of the Government of Madras, publishing revised rules for the sale of quinine at Post offices:—

No. 610, REVENUE, 2ND JULY 1906.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G. O., No. 1387, Revenue, dated 20th December 1904.

ABSTRACT.—Introducing the system of sale of quinine in 7-grain pice powders from 1st February 1905.

II

Letter—from W. M. STANDEN, Esq., Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, the Nilgiris.
To—the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 14th May 1906.
No.—26.

With reference to the rules for the sale of quinine at Post offices, sanctioned by Government in G. O. No. 1387, Revenue, dated 20th December 1904, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from the Postmaster-General, Madras, bringing to notice that the stock of quinine held by Postmasters of small offices is unduly large, and suggesting that the number of packets held as a permanent advance at branch offices should be reduced from 7 to 3.

2. I agree with the Postmaster-General's views, and enclose for the approval of Government a revised set of rules, drawn up by the Postmaster-General, embodying the above suggestion.

ENCLOSURES.

Letter—from the Superintendent of Post offices, Trichinopoly division.
To—the Postmaster-General, Madras.
Dated—the 20th January 1906.
No- 2769.

I have the honour to state that it seems to me that the stock of quinine that is now allowed to remain in Post offices is much too large. It may be necessary to keep such a large stock in malarious districts, but in Trichinopoly and Salem districts, there is absolutely no need to keep so much. On the average only about half a dozen powders are sold by a sub-office in this division in a month, and the number sold by a branch office during the same period is only one or two. The powders that remain in stock are not as carefully kept, as they ought to be, and especially in extra departmental branch offices where all the records have to be crammed in a small box, the quinine powders get crushed and damaged. The stock that is now kept (*viz.*, 714 powders) would probably be sufficient to meet the demands in an average extra departmental branch office for 15 years, and it seems to me that it would be desirable to reduce the stock at least in extra departmental branch offices to 306 powders (three packets).

Letter—from the Postmaster-General, Madras.
To—the Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, the Nilgiris.
Dated—the 12th April 1906.
No.—M. 818-45.

In forwarding herewith copy of a communication No. 2769, dated the 20th January 1906, from the Superintendent of Post offices, Trichinopoly division, to my address, I have the honour to say that the stock of quinine held by Post offices at present are much too large, and that I quite agree in thinking that three packets is an ample stock for small offices. Further, there is danger of the drug losing all its efficacy if retained for more than a year exposed to the atmosphere. In these circumstances I beg to enquire whether you have any objection to the present stock of quinine being reduced from seven to three packets, in all the branch offices, except those in the Shimoga division.

Order—No. 610, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1906.

Miscellaneous.

In Rule 1, the Native States of Sandur and Banganapalle will be included.

2. The Rules, as amended, will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the District Gazettes in English and the chief vernacular languages.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To—The Director of Government Cinchona Plantations.
The Postmaster-General.
The Accountant-General.
The Collectors of all districts.
The Superintendent, Government Press.

Copy to the Surgeon-General.
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Hon'ble the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" " the Resident in Mysore, } with C. L.
" " the Resident at Hyderabad, }
" " the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, }
" Editors' Table.

NOTIFICATION.

Rules for the sale of Government Quinine at Post offices.

1. Government quinine manufactured at the Nedivattam factory will be kept for sale at all Post offices in the Madras Presidency (with the exception of those noted in the margin) and in Coorg and also at all the Imperial Post offices in the Native States of Sandur, Banganapalle, Cochin, Hyderabad, Travancore and Mysore.

Post offices in the district of Madras and in the towns of the Chingleput district which are suburbs of Madras town.

NOTE.—It must be understood that these Rules do not apply to Post offices in the Native State of Pudukkottai.

2. The Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, will arrange for the supply of the quinine direct to each Post office in small packets each containing 102 seven-grain powders, to be sold at the rate of 3 pies per powder.

3. The amount to be accounted for by the Post office on each packet will be Rs. 1-8-0 and the one-and-a-half anna in excess which will be realized by the sale of the 102 powders will be the vendor's commission on the sales effected by him.

4. Seven packets each containing 102 powders will be issued to each of the head and sub-offices in the Circle and to each of the branch offices in the Shimoga division and the value of those packets, *viz.*, Rs. 10-8-0, at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per packet, is to be considered as a permanent advance for quinine in those offices. Three packets each containing 102 powders will be issued to each of the other branch offices in the Circle and the value of those packets, *viz.*, Rs. 4-8-0, at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per packet, is to be considered as a permanent advance for quinine in those offices.

5. All head and sub-postmasters in the Circle and branch postmasters in the Shimoga division must replenish their stock of quinine as soon as they have sold five packets by indenting on the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, while other branch postmasters must replenish their stock in the same manner as soon as they have sold two packets. It will be the postmaster's duty to see that his stock is regularly replenished in time before the supply is exhausted.

6. Each indent for a fresh supply of quinine must be accompanied by a remittance made by money order for the value of the packets indented for, at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per packet, less the money order commission on the total value of the remittance.

7. Any quantity of quinine may be indented for at a time, provided that the indent is for not less than five packets of 102 powders each in the case of Post offices whose permanent advance is Rs. 10-8-0, and not less than two packets of 102 powders each in the case of Post offices whose permanent advance is Rs. 4-8-0, and that it does not include a fraction of a packet.